



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 8

Meeting Date: April 27, 2011

Meeting Location: Vigo County DCS
30 N. 8th Street
Terre Haute, IN 47803

Council Members Present: David Uberto, Regional Manager; Heidi Wheeler, Clay County Director; Mike Goodwin, Sullivan County Director; Pamela Connelly, Vigo County Director; Diana Newnum, Vermillion County Director; Katie Edington, Parke County Director; Andrea Williams, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Megan Cottrell, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Nikki Fuhrmeister, CASA Director

Council Members Absent: Terry Modesitt, Vigo County Prosecutor; Judy Schoffstall, Foster Parent Representative; Judge Bruce Stengel, Vermillion Circuit Judge; Diana Thomson, Clay County FCM; Judge Dan Kelly, Vigo County Circuit Judge

Others in Attendance: Diana Joslin, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Sandy Waldrige, Children's Bureau/Community Partners; Jody Horstman, Hamilton Center, Inc.; Mary Yelton, LEAAP Center/Clay County Family Literacy; Jayne Frazier, The Villages; Jenai Tidwell, Lifeline Youth & Family Services; Sheila Johnson, Vigo County DCS; Peggy Weber, ISU Dept. of Social Work; Deb Johnson, Lifeline Youth & Family Services; Ashley Titus, Lifeline Youth & Family Services; Darcy Durbin, Regional Services Coordinator; Ann Hecht, Raintree Consulting; Emily Owens, Wraparound; Lolita Campbell, DCS Regional Finance Manager; Sheila Priester, Vigo County Homes; Norm Smith, Wernle, Tim Benningfield, Gibault; Dave McIntyre, Cummins Mental Health; Jennifer Olston, Cummins Mental Health; Sven Schumacher, Lutheran Child & Family Services

<h3>Meeting Minutes</h3>

Meeting Called to Order at: 4:38 p.m.

Dave Uberto welcomed attendees and led the introductions. Megan Cottrell and Andrea were introduced as the new Supervisors in Vigo County. Minutes were read from the February 2011 meeting. Dave entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Katie Edington made motion to accept the February minutes and Diana Newnum seconded the motion. Minutes accepted.

Budget Update

Lolita Campbell handed out budget information through March 2011 for fiscal year 2010 - 2011. Region 8 is in good shape.

Community Partners/Prevention Services Update

Sandy Waldrige handed out information for the first quarter of this year. Success story attached to back of handout.

Discussion took place regarding the funding appropriations for the FY 2011-2012. The total allocated funds for this time period is \$220,069.00. It was voted upon by the RSC to approve funding for the below listed services/programs overseen by Community Partners.

Wraparound Vigo (including Administrative costs):	\$59,125.00
Wrap Around Contiguous Counties (incl. Adm. \$):	\$26,875.00
LEAP Center Literacy (incl. Adm. \$) :	\$21,500.00
Vigo County Camp program (incl. Adm. \$):	\$10,750.00
Clay County Camp program (incl. Adm. \$):	\$ 4,300.00
CPCS Material Relief (incl. Adm. \$):	\$30,000.00
 Total:	 \$152,500.00
 Remaining Balance:	 \$ 67,519.00*

*Further discussion took place about possible funding a Domestic Violence program and/or a Delinquency Prevention program. The RSC would like to see programs from other regions so we can see how they handle prevention and cost. Sandy Waldrige indicated that she would look to what is available. The decision was to tentatively set aside \$10,000 per program with final approval made after seeing what might be available.

Biennial Strategic Plan – We need to start preparing for 2012 - 2014. First work group meeting will be May 12th in the DCS training room on 2nd floor. You should have received an email if you are to participate in this group. Early intervention action plan for this region: 1. Establish a plan with LOD, RFM, two judges, CASA, probation, quality assurance and the 211 representative. Plan needs to be in place by July 2011 with the public hearing between July and August 2011. 2. Continue to work on plan, with final due 1/1/12 – 1/15/12 and brought to this council. Published date in the newspaper is 4/3/2012. It is very important that you respond to the survey. The plan is to hold the public meeting at Hamilton Center. Pam Connelly will make arrangements to have it there. They may try to streamline from the last plan so it is less daunting. We should be able to give you an idea by next council meeting what it looks like.

Wraparound

Emily Owens – Handed out information through March 2011. There were 26 referrals. She appreciates the council's assistance.

Fatherhood Initiative Program

Sandy Waldrige – There were 79 referrals and 39 closed.

Therapy and Foster Care Program

Jody Horstman - Medicaid funding changing. Current CANS should stay the same. CPRTF grant has one more year as we know it. We should be able to shift money into it if we need it.

Clay County Family Literacy Program

Mary Yelton handed out information through March 2011. Three participants passed the GED, one received an honors diploma and one worked really hard and raised her IQ score. Two parents attended the Parent University and really enjoyed it. They are currently serving 16 parents and 19 children. There is a waiting list of 48. The average time on the waiting list is a couple of years. Mary appreciates the funding from the council to offer these services.

Additional Business

Nikki Furmeister – CASA volunteers are holding a candlelight vigil tonight. The evening will start with refreshment then a walk to the courthouse. Pam Connelly is one of the scheduled speakers so stop by if you can. Event was cancelled due to rain and rescheduled for Wednesday, May 4th.

Sheila Priester - CPRTF respite care hopes to keep kids short term local and work with wraparound. Pam thanked Sheila for working with a very tough situation they had.

Peggy Weber - Thanks for taking the ISU interns. Several have been hired at the Department of Child Services. There will be three interns in August, one in Greene County, one in Sullivan County and one in Vigo County. Dave said it has been a win win situation with this program.

Sven Schumacher – Handed out information on Lutheran Child & Family Services. They are working with licensing so they can get started sometime soon.

Norm Smith – Wernle loves referrals. They have received lots of feedback. Please contact them and it is always sunny in Richmond.

Lifeline handed out information.

Jenai Tidwell gave the CRT Summary Report for Liz Day – There are 48 participants in Clay and Sullivan Counties. They have had a 9 % improvement from pre-test to post-test. Attached to the handout was feedback they have received.

Dave appreciates everyone's participation in RSC.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in the second floor training room.